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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 7 without prejudice and insert therefor the following new claims:

9. (New) A method of producing an information recording medium which is capable of writing in and reading out information by a laser, which comprises the steps of:

a) coating a solution of a dye in a solvent on a substrate, said solvent comprising a fluoroalkanol of the formula (1):



wherein:

R¹ and R² each independently is hydrogen or C₁-C₃ alkyl;

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